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SUBJECT: BORDER ATTACK ON ZAIRE: HOST COUNTRY REACTION

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1. FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN ANY GOB REACTION CAME IN CHARGE'S CONVERSATION MARCH 16 WITH MINEXTAFF DEPTUTY PERMSEC MOGAMI. HE ASKED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ABOUT SITUATION, INCLUDING WHETHER USG CONSIDERED SOVIETS WERE BEHIND INVASION. CHARGE' ANSWERED ALONG LINES OF DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE, SAYING WE AS YET DID NOT HAVE FIRM KNOWLEDGE OF SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF INVADING FORCES OTHER THAN THAT THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE KATANGESE GENDARMES, BUT WERE CONCERNED ENOUGH TO PROVIDE NON-ARMAMENT MILITARY SUPPLIES TO GOZ. IF IT DEVELOPED THAT SOVIETS WERE THE MORAL AUTHORS OF THE INVASION THEN OF COURSE THE MATTER WOULD HAVE EVEN MORE SERIOUS IMPLICATION.

2. MOGAMI AGREED, SAYING THAT CIVIL WAR IN OR EXTERNAL AGRES- SION AGAINST A TERRITORY RULED BY A COLONIAL POWER MIGHT BE TO VARYING DEGREES UNDERSTANDABLE; BUT AN ATTACK AGAINST A COUNTRY WITH MORE THAN FITEEN YEARS' INDEPENDENCE AND A STABLE GOVERNMENT MUST NECESSARILY PROVOKE THE DEEP CONCERN OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

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